

REMARKS

This Response is in reply to the Office Action Rejection Mailed October 26, 2006. Claims 7, 8, 31 and 39-51 were pending in the application. Claims 31, 39 and 40 were allowed, with claims 7-8, and 41-51 being rejected.

The Applicant's attorney appreciates the Examiner's time and attention during a telephone interview on January 11, 2007. The interview mainly included a discussion of claims 7, 31, and 41.

Claim 41 has been amended to now more clearly state that the second gear set includes a first gear path and second gear path. The second gear set is in a first orientation that uses the first gear path to operatively connect the motor to the second roll and drive the second roll in a forward direction at a second speed when the motor operates in a first direction. The second gear set is positionable in a second orientation using a second gear path to drive the second roll in the forward direction when the motor is driven in a second direction. These amendments clarify the directional elements of the claim. As such, independent claim 41 and dependent claims 42-46 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 47 has been amended to now state that the motor operates in a first direction and a second direction. A second gear set extends between the motor and the drive roll to drive the drive roll a second speed substantially equal to a first speed. The claim has further been amended to state that the second gear set comprises a swing arm pivotally positioned between a first orientation with a first gear contacting the drive roll when the motor operates in the first direction, and a second orientation with a second gear that contacts the drive roll when the motor operates in the second direction. The limitations of the first and second directions for the motor are not disclosed in the prior art and therefore claim 47 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 48 has been amended to now include that the motor operates in a first and second directions. A first gear set extends between the motor and a pick mechanism to drive

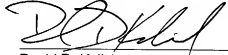
the pick roll at a first speed when the motor operates in the first direction. A second gear set includes a swing arm pivotally positioned between a first orientation with a first gear set contacting the drive roll occurs when the motor operates in the first direction, and a second orientation with a second gear contacting the drive roll when the motor operates in the second direction. Again, the prior art does not disclose a motor operating in first and second directions. Therefore, independent claim 48, and dependent claims 49-51 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 7 and 8 are cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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